These proposals result in a net increase of Rs. 36,634 or 28 per cent over the present assessment of the Taluk; (or more correctly 23 per cent after making allowance for the increase of cultivated area under temporary assessment). The average rates under the original and revised settlement compare as under:—

	Original Settlement	Revision Settlement
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Dry	0 13 1	1 1 2
Wet (tank)	3 13 4	4 4 6
(Channel)	6 3 9	6 15 5
Garden	3 13 11	3 8 9

Except in one village, where the rise is 125 per cent due to the formation of new gardens out of dry and kharab lands, the increase according to revision proposals will be within the maximum limit of 33 per cent.

12. Seven objection petitions have been received from people of the Taluk. The representations therein are of a general nature and do not call for any consideration.

13. The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and the Revenue Commissioner support the proposals of the Survey Superintendent. Considering the general prosperity of the Taluk, its natural advantages particularly for cocoanut cultivation and the facilities for transport of agricultural produce, Government agree that the revised rates are suitable and compare favourably with those in force in the surrounding Taluks. They are accordingly pleased to sanction the proposals of the Survey Superintendent in their entirety. The rates will be announced as soon as possible, and brought into effect from 1st July 1926 with the usual guarantee of 30 years.

14. The Irrigation Cess will not be levied separately on Government lands. It will be treated as merged in the revised wet and garden assessment and a lumpsum equivalent to the amount of the cess will be set apart towards the Irrigation Cess Fund.

P. G. D'SOUZA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Damages caused to Lands by the side of Channels in the Malnad

READ—

Subject No. 1 (Kadur District) of the Representative Assembly of October 1924, re constitution of a Committee for devising measures to minimise danger to lands on the side of channels and water courses in the Malnad as a result of floods.

Correspondence ending with letter No. 3639—25-26, dated 11th December 1925, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding the reports received from the Deputy Commissioners of Kadur, Shimoga and Hassan Districts and recommending that the remedial measures to prevent damages being caused to lands by the sides of channels suggested by the Executive Engineer, Hassan Division, in his note sent up by the Deputy Commissioner of Hassan may be given a fair trial.

(Printed in extenso.)

ORDER No. R. 4714-7—L. R. 149-24-88, DATED 25TH MARCH 1926.

The Executive Engineer, Hassan, states that the damage that is usually caused lands by the side of channels in the Malnad, is of the following kinds:—

(1) The soil in the Malnad being generally soft and yielding due to heavy infall in the catchment on the hill side of the channels, the excessive in-flow scours banks and damages the lands below.

(2) Owing to the steep falls of the valleys, large amounts of silt and slipped earth are carried and deposited on the lands.

(3) There is also a tendency of the banks breaching due to the impingement of the water descending with high velocity along the steep valley lines.

To minimise these damages he suggests the following remedial measures:—

(1) Planting aloes and similar plants along the valley lines for the hallas on either side entering the channel, to prevent side slips and their being carried into the channel, and to arrest most of the silt brought in, by the hallas.

(2) Constructing relieving weirs, with silt traps where required, at all the cross hallas to prevent sudden swelling of flow in the channels.

(3) Rough stone revetment, to be done to the bank slopes wherever they are liable to cut up the flow of water, as in cases of curves, or where hallas enter the channel. This measure will be necessary in special cases as the cost of construction is heavy.

2. The Revenue Commissioner agrees with the opinions expressed by the Deputy Commissioners of Kadur and Hassan that the formation of Committees, as suggested in the Assembly would serve no useful purpose. He recommends that the proposals of the Executive Engineer, Hassan Division, may be given a fair trial.

3. Government are pleased to accept the recommendation of the Revenue Commissioner and to direct that the measures suggested be tried in one selected taluk, to begin with, in consultation with the Public Works Department. The cost during the current year may be met by reappropriation of funds at the disposal of the Revenue Department and the Revenue Commissioner may intimate to the Comptroller direct the exact source. Proposals for making necessary provision in the next year's budget may be submitted by the Revenue Commissioner. The question of extending the measures to the other Malnad taluks will be considered on receipt of a report from the Revenue Commissioner as to how far the scheme has been beneficial in the selected taluk.

4. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to issue necessary instructions to the Local Revenue Officers to encourage the Malnad raiyats to make use of the facilities created in Government Order No. R. 3363-4—R. M. 207-06-5, dated the 28th November 1907.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

ANNEXURE.

Letter No. C. 3639—25-26, dated Bangalore, 9th—11th December 1925, from C. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A., Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department.

Adverting to your No. R. 7150—L. R. 149-24-70, dated 29th May 1925, calling for proposals on Subject No. 26 of the Representative Assembly of October 1924, the constitution of a Committee for devising measures to minimise danger to lands on the sides of channels in the Malnad, I have the honour to forward herewith the original the reports received from the Deputy Commissioners of Kadur, Shimoga and Hassan and to state as follows:—

2. The Deputy Commissioners of Kadur and Hassan are not in favour of forming any Committee for this purpose. The Deputy Commissioner of Kadur thinks that if the majority of the land-owners instead of sitting on Committees execute the necessary customary repairs to channels and water-courses whether small or large, there would be no danger to the lands above and below. The Deputy Commissioner of Hassan submits a note prepared by the Executive Engineer, Hassan, suggesting certain